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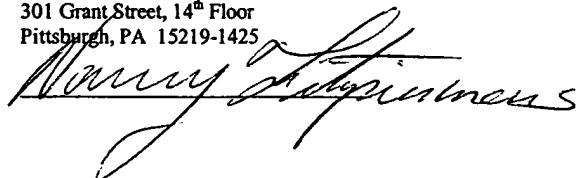
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Samarth SARTHI et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/648,861 )  
Filed: 25 August 2000 )  
Examiner: Vanel Frenel  
Art Unit: 3626

Entitled: PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY CHAIN  
OPTIMIZATION SOFTWARE

**PETITION FOR A THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(2)**

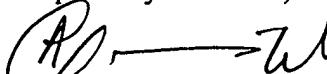
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the period for response in the above-captioned application up to and including April 3, 2004. Payment is enclosed to cover the nine hundred and fifty (\$950.00) dollar fee applicable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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